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EXAMINER

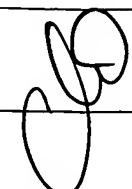
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/655,800	Applicant(s) BUTSCH ET AL.	
	Examiner Gregory A. Wilson	Art Unit 3749	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 7-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 7, 8, and 10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's response and amendment concerning the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection of claims 1-12 have been noted and entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3 and 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Demeter (3,239,367)**. It has been held that a recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations. In this particular instance, **Demeter** discloses an apparatus having structure which can inherently perform the function of the applicants invention (SEE Figure 3) wherein an adhesively coated web (2) disposed upon the surface of a rotating roll (5) inherently has a first temperature, a movable steel belt (6) is disposed about at least a portion of the surface of the roll and defines a contact region, the belt has a second temperature due

to the effects of a temperature modifying apparatus (7, 7a) which inherently is different from the first temperature such that the adhesively coated web passes between the surface of the roll and the belt (the differering widths are addressed in column 2, lines 65-68) within the contact region (ie: about 10 degrees of the surface of the roll), the web is heated to a third temperature inherently different from the first temperature. A person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it obvious to modify the apparatus of **Demeter** by substituting a cooling device for the temperature modifying apparatus (7, 7a) since the applicant teaches in the specification (SEE page 5, lines 5-11 and page 6, lines 24 – page 7, line 3) that the temperature modifying means could be a heater or a cooling device depending on what is desired. Furthermore, the recitation that the apparatus is for aiding the removal of an adhesively coated web disposed upon a surface of a rotating roll has not been given patentable weight because it has been held that a preamble is denied the effect of a limitation where the claim is drawn to a structure and the portion of the claim following the preamble is a self-contained description of the structure not depending for completeness upon the introductory clause.

In regards to **claims 11 & 12, Demeter** does not particularly recite if the belt includes a filler just that it is made of steel (column 3, lines 68-70). It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to modify the teachings of Demeter to provide a filler including alumina, limestone, gypsum, etc, since the applicant has not disclosed that having a belt made of these materials solves any stated problem in a new or unexpected way or

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is for any particular purpose which is unobvious to one of ordinary skill. It appears that the claimed feature does not distinguish the invention over similar features in the prior art since, the steel belt of **Demeter** will perform the invention as claimed by the applicant with or without the filler.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

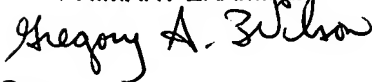
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory A. Wilson whose telephone number is (703) 308-1239. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 am - 4:30 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ira Lazarus can be reached on (703)308-1935. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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GREGORY WILSON
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory A. Wilson".

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June 10, 2004